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Rome, Dec. 22. N. S.

THE Pope continues on the mending hand, however there being no likelihood that he will be well enough to perform the Ceremony of opening the Gate of St. *Peter*'s Church, he appointed a Congregation of Cardinals to examine former Precedents in like Cases, who having met accordingly, were of opinion, if the Pope could not himself be present at this Solemnity, that Cardinal *Cibo*, as Dean of the College of Cardinals, was the most proper Person to supply his Place; but he being likewise much indisposed, this Office belongs to the Cardinal *de Bouillon* as Vice-Dean; Which the Pope has approved of, and the Cardinal *de Bouillon* is accordingly appointed to open the Jubilee on *Christmas* Eve. The Duke *d'Uceda*, Ambassador from *Spain* has visited Cardinal *Spada*, and the other Cardinals of the Palace; And the usual Visits and Compliments have also passed between him and the Imperial and *French* Ambassadors, and other Publick Ministers; His Excellency intends in few days to go to *Gaeta*, to confer with the Duke of *Medina Celi* Vice-Roy of *Naples*, and has deferred his Entry till after his return from thence. The Cardinals *Imperiali* and *Cantelmi* are come hither from *Naples*. Count *Lamberg*, Ambassador from the Emperor, is daily expected here from *Vienna*, part of his Servants and Equipage being already arrived. A certain Astrologer in this City is seized, and committed to the Castle of St. *Angelo*, for having given out that the Pope will die on *Christmas* Eve. The Bishoprick of *Ancona* is given to Cardinal *d'Asti*.

Venice, Jan. 1. We have received Advice from *Rome*, that the Pope is much better, and that there are greater hopes of his Recovery than have yet been since his Illness. The Cardinal *Bouillon* did perform the Ceremony of opening the Gate of St. *Peter*'s Church on *Christmas* Eve. Our last Letters from *Dalmatia* say, Signior *Grimani*, Commissioner from this Republick for settling the Limits between the *Venetian* and *Turkish* Territories, who is now at *Castel-Novo*, had been very ill of a Feaver, but was on the mending hand. The Senate has Published several Orders to restrain the Excesses in Feastings, Publick Diversions, and Wearing Apparel, and particularly the great Expences which the Procurators of St. *Mark* were usually at in making their Entries, and keeping open House upon their Election, and also the great Expences made by young Noblemen upon their Admission into the Great Council. The Advices from *Constantinople* say, the Ambassador of this Republick was in few days to have his Publick Audience of the Grand Signior, and that 'twas reported the Grand Signior intended to return to *Andrinople* in the Spring.

Vienna, Dec. 30. The Arch-Duke *Charles* has the Small-Pox, but is as well as one can be in his condition. The Count of *Wells*, whom the Emperor has appointed to be his Envoy to the Court of *Sweden*, has received Orders to hasten his departure. Great Preparations are making here for the Entry of the *Turkish* Ambassador, who according to our last Letters from *Alba Regalis*, was come thither from *Essick* in his Journey to this Place. Cardinal *Santa Croce*, Nuncio from the Pope, is taking his Leave of the Persons of Quality at Court, intending shortly to return to *Rome*. The Bishop of *Lerida*, Ambassador from *Spain*, has had Audience of Leave of the Emperor, and will depart from hence in few days in order to return to *Madrid*.

Berlin, Dec. 28. The Ratifications of the Treaty lately concluded at *Warsaw* between the Crown of *Poland* and the Elector of *Brandenburgh* for accommodating the Business of *Elbing*, will be sent in a day or two to *Warsaw* to be exchanged with those of *Poland*. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* has given Directions for Building several new Apartments, and making other Improvements in his Palace in this City, and 'tis said his Electoral Highness intends, while this is doing, to take a Journey to *Prussia*. The Count of *Denhoff*, who has resided at the Emperor's Court as the Elector's Envoy Extraordinary, is made Commissary-General of War, and Monsieur *Denhoff*, his Brother, High Chamberlain. The Sieur *Birchens* is declared Counsellor of State.

Dresden, Jan. 1. The King of *Poland* is gone from this Place to pass some days at *Torgau*. The Ministers, to whom the Care of Military Matters is committed, meet frequently together to consider of providing Quarters and Subsistence for the *Saxon* Forces in this Electorate; The King intends in a very short time to return to *Warsaw*.

Hamburgh, Jan. 3. The *Danes* continue their Preparations for attacking the Duke of *Holstein*'s new-built Forts; Their Artillery is ready, and the Frost being come which they seemed to expect with some impatience, their Forces begun to march towards *Rensbourg*, where they are to have their General Rendezvous, but the Weather changing suddenly to a Thaw, has obliged them to defer for the present the Prosecution of this Design; The Princes Mediators continue in the mean time to imploy their good Offices for accommodating the Business of *Holstein*, before things come to a Rupture by the committing of open Hostilities. The Duke of *Wirtemberg* continues in this City, and is somewhat Indisposed. They are raising Soldiers in the Dutchy of *Bremen*, to reinforce the *Swedish* Regiments which are Quartered in those Parts, and 'tis said, those Troops are in a readiness to march on the first Order they shall receive, being design'd to join the Duke of *Holstein*'s Troops if there be occasion, and that the Duke of *Zell* will also assist his Highness in case he is attacked by the *Danes*. Our Letters from *Copenhagen* say, The King of *Denmark* has given Directions for fitting out a Squadron of Men of War early in the Spring, as also for providing three Magazines in *Holstein*, one at *Altena*, another at *Itzehoe*, and the 3d at *Oldensloe*. They write from *Stockholme*, that the King of *Sweden* had given Orders for the raising 2 Regiments of Dragoons, and that Major General *Runschoild* and Colonel *Claskau* who are to Command them, were gone for that purpose to *Schonen*. The Count of *Guiscard*, Ambassador from *France*, made his Publick Entry at *Stockholme* the 24th of the last Month, and on the 26th had Audience of the King of *Sweden*.

Hague, Jan. 11. The States of *Holland* and *Westfriseland* continue assembled, but will adjourn on the 14th Instant. The Envoy of *Morocco* is daily expected here from *Amsterdam*, and soon after his return to this place, will take his Audience of Leave of the States General. Our last Letters from *Hamburgh* say, Monsieur *Cramenbourg*, who is to assist on the part of this State at the Conferences for adjusting the Affair of *Holstein*, is arrived there, and that Monsieur *d'Opdam*, Envoy from the States-General, took his Audience of Leave of the King of *Poland* at *Dresden* on the 31st of the last Month, and intended to return forthwith to *Berlin*.

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